

ANOTHER COAL STRIKE FEARED BY COMMISSION

Increased Powers Asked of Congress to Prevent Renewed Mine Tie-ups in Spring

WAGE PARLEY NEXT MONTH

Federal Board Sees No Chance of Agreement Unless Non-union Report is Obtained

By Universal Service.
Members of the Federal Coal Commission have decided that they must have increased power to accomplish the results for which the body was created by President Harding.

Investigation has progressed sufficiently, it is claimed, to justify the conclusion that another big coal strike not later than April, 1923, is inevitable unless drastic corrective measures are taken.

EMBODIED IN REPORT.

The decision to request increased authority was reached yesterday. It will be embodied in the preliminary report to Congress on January 15, covering the work up to this time.

Growing indication that the miners and operators will not be able to reach an understanding in the wage conference on January 3, with the probability of a strike in the spring, has caused the commission to decide to state the situation as it exists. It will also ask for sufficient power to break a deadlock in the conference.

President Harding is understood to have expressed the desire to individual members of the commission that all measures necessary be taken to prevent another strike.

The coal operators are still debating whether they will furnish the commission with the data and statistics on mining costs and prices for the public that have been called for, although more than two months of the time allotted to the investigation have passed.

WORKERS CO-OPERATE.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has informed the commission that all information on wages and living costs among the miners will be furnished. Mr. Lewis has also indicated to Chairman John Hays Hammond, of the commission, that his organization will support any measure for additional power.

Competitive differences between the union fields in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and the non-union fields in West Virginia are unending. The operators of union mines, selling in the same markets with the non-union operators, are unwilling, it is declared, to submit their figures on costs to the non-union fields. The same information is obtained from the non-union producers.

NON-UNION ATTITUDE.

While the commission is not confined to the union fields in the scope of its inquiry, the law does not contain anything which compels it to go into the non-union fields. The non-union operators have indicated to the commission, it is declared, that they will resist any effort to extend the inquiry to their part of the coal industry.

The difference between the union and non-union fields from a competitive standpoint are regarded by President Lewis and other officials of the United Mine Workers as the chief obstacle in the way of making a new wage agreement for the union fields on January 3. The effect of such an agreement would be to forestall a miners' strike in April.

Chairman Hammond has been informed that the conditions existing in coal demand and supply make it impossible for the union operators to anticipate the future, and that a contract for a certain length of time with the miners' unions into the non-union fields in the mercy of the non-union fields in selling their output.

Yorktown Corporation To Teach Patriotism

Articles of incorporation of the Yorktown Memorial Institute, organized to acquire land and buildings in and about Yorktown, Va., and to use them for educational and patriotic purposes, were filed here yesterday.

The directors of the corporation are Judge Orlan M. Barber, of Vermont; Frederic C. Boyer, of Connecticut; William Carroll Pierce, of Virginia; Judge Stanton J. Frels, of Indiana, and Benjamin Cutchins, of New York.

Bishop Calls Modern Scientists Destroyers

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Man's talents and powers have been turned too much toward destruction, Bishop Francis J. McConnell told a congregation at the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. "We are placed in this world and we destroy more than we create," the speaker said.

"The chief aim of science seems to be the discovery of destructive powers."

Coyote Loses In Race With Auto

SMITH CENTER, Kan., Dec. 23.—Shortly after leaving this city for his home at Gaylord, Will Dannenberg was startled when a large coyote jumped into the road in front of his motor car, apparently challenging him to a race.

Within a mile the car overtook the coyote and ran over it. The driver of the car went back and found it dead with a broken neck.

VICE PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE was host to the Senate pages yesterday at a turkey dinner. And, Oh, what a dinner it was! After having their pictures made on the Capitol steps they had their dinner in the Senate restaurant.



COOLIDGE DESCRIBES HIS OWN BOYHOOD

Tells Senate Pages He Would Not Have Missed Experiences Despite Hardships.

Vice President Coolidge yesterday told the Senate pages, who were his guests at the annual Vice President's Christmas dinner, that they were "just as much in the public service as the President, the Cabinet or the members of Congress."

Vice President Coolidge contrasted his own childhood and said: "I lived on a farm as a boy and was twelve miles from the railroad. While you boys have opportunities immeasurably greater, I would not have made the exchange with you even if I had had the opportunity."

Richard Langham Riedel, age fourteen years, addressed his fellow pages on the need for world peace.

"The only thing that will bring success to the efforts for world peace is the spirit of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men," he declared. Page Edward Myers responded to the toast on thrift.

"The longer we live the more we realize that the scarcest thing which nature has contributed to mankind is backbone," said Page Ingham Mack, toastmaster, in an address of welcome to the Vice President.

"The United States has been fortunate in its Vice Presidents. I beg to propose the toast, May the Vice Presidency ever remain the independent office of justice and the sure support of the liberties of the American people."

Children of Machinists On Strike Given Party

Children of striking machinists of Washington and vicinity were given a Christmas party by members of the Grand Lodge, International Association of Machinists, at the Machinists' Building, Ninth and M streets, yesterday.

More than 100 children attended the party, and were given toys, clothing, candy, and other gifts, after which they were taken for an automobile ride around the city.

The parents were given coal, clothing and food. Miss Florence N. Hoagland and Miss Sadie Rivoired were in charge of arrangements.

Mysteries of "Hidden Valley" Still a Secret

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Mountain climbers of the West have turned their scaling abilities to the task of discovering what lies beyond the seemingly impenetrable wall of Siskiyou county's "Hidden Valley."

The walls of sharp peaks surround the valley, standing like a barricade against man's advance. Once by the walls scaling ropes and ladders are necessary to get beyond the steep chasms.

Wyoming Oil Advances 30 to 35 Cents a Barrel

FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Advances of 30 and 35 cents a barrel in six grades of Wyoming crude oil were announced here today by the Ohio Oil Company.

New quotations are: Grass Creek, Lance Creek and Elk Basin, \$1.50; Mule Creek, 90 cents, an advance of 30 cents; Big Muddy, \$1.05, and Rock Creek, \$1.15, up 25 cents.

Man, Aged 77, Kills Four-Pronged Deer

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 23.—John G. Wolf, seventy-seven, civil veteran, can still shoot with unerring aim, he demonstrated when he brought down a four-pronged deer at Warrior Ridge.

Clarence M. Plummer, who lost his left arm many years ago in a railroad accident, is also a dead shot. He killed a six-pronged deer in the same vicinity.

Three Hams Stolen, Man Has Six Lawyers

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 23.—Represented by six attorneys, Wilford Parr, a former member of the local police department, went on trial here. He is charged with the theft of three hams from a local packing company.

CONCERT

At Central High Community Center, tonight at 8:15 o'clock. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Admission free. The program: "America" and "Doxology," by everybody. "Old Folks at Home," "Annie Laurie" and "Welcome Song," by everybody. "The First Nowell" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," by Army Music School brass quartet (Charles F. Waddington, William B. Spatenberg, Antil Martinis and Carl H. Schenemas). "Angels From the Realms of Glory" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," by everybody. "The Swan" (Saint-Saens) and "Silent Night," by Elizabeth Keyes, harpist, and Mary Keyes, violinist. "Joy to the World" and "Little Town of Bethlehem," by children's Christmas chorus, Helen Burkart, director. "Noel," by Robert Lawrence, baritone, assisted by vocal quartet. "Scotland's Burning" (Round), by everybody. "Serenade" (Biseli) and "Valse d'Arle" from "Tosca" (Puccini), by Gretchen Hood, soprano, with George Wilson at the piano. Women's City Club chorus, Mrs. John J. Stahl, director. "Abide With Me" and "The Star-Spangled Banner," by everybody. Recreational singing directed by Robert Lawrence, assisted at the piano by Miss Burkart.

D. C. MAN ARRESTED AFTER LIQUOR CHASE

George King Held in Philadelphia With 200 Quarts After Auto Hits Trolley.

Part of Washington's Christmas liquor supply was seized yesterday in Philadelphia, when police there arrested George King and seized his automobile, containing 200 quarts of whiskey as the machine crashed into a trolley car after an exciting chase through the downtown section.

King, who was bringing the "Christmas cheer" to this city from a northern Pennsylvania town, according to the information received here last night by Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives.

A traffic policeman recognized the liquor, and after King failed to halt at his command, the officer commandeered another machine and gave chase.

King, known here as a skillful driver, dodged traffic several miles before he crashed into a trolley car. The \$4,000 automobile was badly damaged.

The companion escaped by dashing through a hallway and scaling a fence. King was captured following a short foot chase. At the police station he was held, charged with transporting liquor.

King has been arrested in Washington about a dozen times during the past year. Charges ranged from white slavery to violating traffic regulations. According to Inspector Grant, the former charge is still pending.

He was last arrested here on December 16 for driving without a permit.

At the time he gave his address as 1818 M street northwest. He is twenty-four years old.

Piano Grows in Favor With Japanese Girls

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—Musical instruments, especially mandolins, are being imported in increasing quantities, and western music has become so fashionable that a study of the piano is now considered a necessary part of the education of a Japanese girl.

The playing of the "Koto," the national harp, and of the "samisen" has not been abandoned, but there are strong tendencies in the younger generation to turn to foreign instruments.

Warden's Table No Longer Free

OSHSING, N. Y., Dec. 23.—State employees and high-salaried politicians who have been accustomed to dine free in the dining room of Warden Lawes' residence at Sing Sing will have no more excuse to make, as the prison officials have opened a pay-as-you-enter luncheon room for State employees. Uninvited free boarders, whom Mrs. Lawes recently banned, have hinted that they dreaded going a half mile to village restaurants.

State employees will be able to buy meals in the new luncheon room, which is inside the prison walls, at cost plus 10 per cent.

CENTRAL STUDENTS PRESENT XMAS PLAY

Production in Three Parts Given Last Time at High School.

Central High School's thespians Thursday night gave their final presentation of the "Christmas Play."

The production was in three parts, opening with "Tarts and Tresses," and followed by "At the Movies" and the "Knave of Hearts." Miss Sibyl Baker, of the faculty, coached the students and directed the orchestra.

Featured in "Tarts and Tresses" were Mary Armstrong, Mary Bracken, Buckingham, Adelaide Cotter, Helen Dalby, Edith Jett, Katherine Lalonde, Grace Laleger, Ruth Deffenbaugh, Margaret Eacho, Harriet Gore, Margaret Graham, Marion Hall, Inez Leon, Louise Lerch, Mary Lutz, Lorene Nelson, Florence Potterfield, Olive Ralston, Margaret Schellenburger, Lillian Small, Emily Strother, June Thomas and Alice Adams.

Joseph Upper and Harold R. Allen were a scream in the comic sketch, "At the Movies." Everything was written around these two. Others in the cast were: Leroy Benheim, "the man in the aisle seat"; Gassman, Braxley, Frances Baker, Elizabeth Mitchell and Virginia Fugit.

Closing the show was "The Knave of Hearts," a clever interpretation of a puppet exhibit. Leo Loeb played in the role of manager. Marceline Gray and Clark Bosch were leads in a love tangle. James Corey was "The Knave of Hearts." Others in the cast were: Gilbert Tribby, Wellington Barto, Constance Lane, Gertrude Nelowich, Oscar Baum, Irving Sawyer, Kathleen Williams, Mitchell Brooke, George Garroth, Catherine McIntyre, Louise Franklin, Alice Williams, Harry Milburn, Richard Conroy, Douglas Lawrence, Albert Bryan and Scott Herman.

Irvin Shapiro was elected vice president of the Central Debating Society to succeed Harold Ferris, resigned. John D. Mulligan, Jr., was elected secretary. The society will meet Baltimore City college in a debate in January. It was announced.

Much interest is manifested in the approaching contest for New Year's Night in Central "gym," which will bring together Central varsity quintet and the Central Alumni Association team. Both teams are working out daily.

A Christmas song by members of the faculty featured the chapel services Thursday.

James B. Aswell, editor of the Review, and a member of an old and prominent family of this city, was found dead from asphyxiation in a bathroom at the St. Elmo Club of the University of Pennsylvania today.

Last night, before retiring, he told some friends he was going to visit his mother today. Upon finding his bed had not been slept in this morning, a search was made, and his body discovered fully dressed in the bathroom, with the unlighted gas jet turned on.

Wister served in the war as an ambulance corps lieutenant. On April 26 of this year he eloped to Elkton, Md., with Miss Helen Beverly Bowman, of West Philadelphia.

Corn Becomes Biggest of Farm Crops in U. S.

Corn, the red man's gift to the white man, has come to be the nation's most important farm crop. Consumed either directly or in the form of a meal and other animal products, it is the principal source of the nation's food supply.

Forty per cent of the crop is fed to swine on farms, 20 per cent to horses and mules on farms, and 15 per cent to cattle on farms. Only 10 per cent is used directly for human food.

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PROBE OF VETERANS' BUREAU IS PLANNED

Former Service Men in House Expect to Introduce Resolution Soon.

AROUSED AT APPOINTMENT

Naming of Charles F. Cramer Assistant Secretary of War Stirs Ire.

By Universal Service.
A resolution for a Congressional investigation of certain administrative phases of the Veterans' Bureau will be offered by former service members of the House shortly after January 1, a spokesman for the veterans' bloc announced yesterday. This action, it was declared, will come as the outgrowth of developments brought to light in connection with protests made to the War Department and the White House against the appointment of Charles F. Cramer, general counsel of the bureau, to succeed J. Mayhew Wainwright as Assistant Secretary of War.

EVIDENCE IN HAND.

Leading former service men, both in and out of Congress, are said to have unearthed a number of matters that are considered of sufficient gravity to warrant a Congressional inquiry. Rumors of these matters first came to the ears of the service men at the American Legion convention at New Orleans last month.

Friction of an aggravated degree is said to exist between Cramer and other executives of the bureau to the point that it is militating against efficiency in the organization. Director Forbes is known to be much concerned, and is reported to be "broken hearted" over the turn affairs have taken. None of the criticism is aimed at the director himself. The matters complained of are alleged acts of subordinate officials.

In one branch of the bureau, it is declared the division chief has issued an ultimatum that he will not have a former service man in his division. This has brought protests.

Reports carried to the White House, it is said, have been of such a nature that the President has issued orders indefinitely holding up one of the bureau's big hospital projects near Washington until he can get and examine full reports on it. Other hospital projects in the middle West and on the Pacific coast also are said to have been made the subject of inquiry.

A conference of the former service bloc in Congress is slated for the first days of January, when members will lay before their associates Veterans' Bureau matters that they think should be looked into. None of the members is willing to discuss these matters publicly until all facts are in hand and a course of action is outlined.

Emergency Hospital to Celebrate Christmas

Christmas will be observed at the Emergency Hospital, 1215 Baltimore street, by the 100 children of Chevy Chase and Bethesda, Md., who will sing Christmas carols in those communities tonight.

Large trees have been erected in each of the free wards and in the dispensary on the main floor. Turkey and duck with all the side dishes, including nuts and grapes, will be served for dinner. B. S. Wadledge, superintendent, and G. S. Dalton, the assistant, are in charge of the celebration.

The nurses, led by Miss Alta Clayton, will wind their way from the top of the building to the first floor, singing carols. Throughout the morning the entertainment will be continued.

Visiting hours will be extended during the afternoon.

The hospital has been decorated. Wreaths and strands of holly and mistletoe adorn each room.

Wednesday night the nurses will hold their annual Christmas dance at the Powhattan Hotel.

THIEF GETS LINGERIE.

Miss Mary Wampler, 1215 Baltimore street northwest, reported to the police that about \$100 worth of lingerie was stolen yesterday afternoon from her apartment. The haul included many kinds of feminine apparel. The thieves also took a pair of roller skates. Entrance was made with a duplicate key.

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Joyriding Bird Delays Traffic And Loses Life

GRAHAM, Va., Dec. 23.—A PIGEON lit on one of the powerful electric motors in Bluefield yard, to take a joy ride and later was blown to pieces when a short circuit occurred and the railroad was temporarily tied up between Maybury and Northfork.

The bird was seen to alight on the engine soon after 5 o'clock, but no attention was paid to it until a "flash over" took place two hours later, while the locomotive was passing Upham. An investigation revealed the fact the pigeon had caused a short circuit on the motor, which had the effect of knocking the high tension wire out of commission, stopping the train until the wire was replaced.

TECH SENIORS PLAN FOR ANNUAL DANCE

Biggest School Event of Season Will Be Held Next Thursday.

One of the biggest social events of the students of Tech High School, the annual senior dance, will be held at the Cairo next Thursday, according to an announcement made last night by Kenneth Burgfield, chairman of the dance committee.

The Agora Debating Club of the school met last Tuesday to discuss the subject, "That the President of the United States should be elected for a term of six years, instead of the present term of four, and not subject to reelection." The negative team, composed of Misses Baldwin, Hobbs and Chatelein, was victorious.

Rehearsals for the annual spring play, "The Road to Yesterday," will be started immediately after the Christmas holidays, according to A. Strawbridge, chairman of the committee in charge. The play will be presented at the school February 24 and 25 and March 2 and 3. Two casts of fourteen each will be coached at the same time.

Pictures of the first spring play presented at Tech High School have been placed in the building, according to a report made by the committee in charge of picture hanging. These pictures were donated by L. Matten, along with a photograph of last year's championship track team.

Children to Sing Carols in Montgomery County

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'CLIFTON' OPENED BY ALLIANCE WOMEN

Plan to Make District Estate World Acropolis to Womanhood.

HOSTESS PUT IN CHARGE

Quarters Thrown Open for Public Meetings and Lectures This Winter.

The permanent headquarters of the Woman's Universal Alliance were opened yesterday at Clifton, the forty-acre estate the alliance has just acquired as a site for its acropolis to womanhood. Mrs. Franklin Ford, of New York, has been installed as club hostess, and is arranging a series of public meetings, lectures and social events during the winter.

It was announced yesterday that State patriotic and civic organizations of all kinds could arrange to hold meetings at Clifton without charge by application. The headquarters are open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily.

TO START LECTURES.

Mrs. Ford will begin a course of lectures on practical psychology which is free to all members of the alliance or prospective members on January 2.

Among the other lectures which will be given under the auspices of the alliance in January will be one by Madame Boissevain, a noted woman from Holland, who will visit this country under the patronage of the Netherlands' legation. Madame Boissevain is bringing a message from the women of Holland. Other distinguished foreign visitors will be heard at the alliance from time to time according to present plans.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Clifton will be the scene on Thursday night of this week of a Christmas tree party for 100 wounded men from Walter Reed hospital, when each man will be given a present, and a special entertainment will be staged by local artists.

Inspired by the success of the pageant, "The Great Women of History," at the recent ball given by the alliance at Woman's Park Hotel, this pageant will be repeated in the open air on the hillside of Clifton in the spring. It will be elaborated and each embassy and legation in Washington will be asked to select its own group and name the great women each country most honors, as the Czechoslovakian Legation presented its own group at the recent pageant to represent the deeds of the great Princess Libuse, the heroine of that country.

A drive for 100,000 members at large in America as the nucleus of the worldwide membership of the alliance will be appointed in each State.

Work during the past year was reviewed by Mr. Walker. Other addresses were made by Frank B. Hoag, Leroy Gaddis and S. E. Godden. Presents were given to all the employees.

Reference was made to the \$5,000 Walker Hotel now under construction at Connecticut avenue and DeSales street northwest.

Allan E. Walker and Wife Guests at Xmas Party

Allan E. Walker, real estate dealer, and Mrs. Walker were given a Christmas party yesterday by 100 employees of the company on the second floor of